

First Tuesday Nevada Libraries Check-In

from

Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday

January 5th, 2021

Notes

Attending: JoVon Sotak, Sulin Jones, Norma Fowler, Bruce Douglass, NSLAPR; Anne Karr, Boulder City: Tod Colegrove, Carson City; Carol Lloyd, Churchill County; Amy Dodson, Douglas County; Kassie Antonucci, Elko County; Bethie Schnapp, Joy Gunn, Marcie Smedley, Henderson; Jessica Anderson, Humboldt County; Danielle Milam, Leo Segura, LVCCLD; Forrest Lewis, North Las Vegas; Shanna Gibbons, Susan Wonderly, Pahrump; Kathie Brinkerhoff, Pershing County; Jamie Hemingway, Jeff Scott, Joan Dalusung, Washoe County; Holly Esposito, Washoe County School District: Shelly Nee, Pershing County School District; Eric Walsh, GBC; Jeanne Frazier-Price, UNLV Law Library; Maggie Farrell, UNLV; Nathaniel King, Nevada State College; Ron Belbin, WNC; Nancy Cummings-Schmidt, SCLL.



WHAT PEOPLE ARE THINKING RIGHT NOW



Strengths:

- Libraries are nimble and quickly adapt services to meet current circumstances
- Libraries are good at coming up with creative solutions, such as exterior book lockers
- Libraries support their communities with Angel Tree and Sugar Plum tree projects



Struggles:

- Libraries have difficulty planning when things are constantly changing
- Meeting the needs of the community while also maintaining safety for staff and patrons



Opportunities

- Library users are more aware of and are increasing their use of online resources and services



Trends

- Libraries are watching Covid19 cases in their communities and adapting services as needed
- Most libraries are providing curbside services and virtual programming and services

Announcements:

- Marcie Smedley is President-Elect of Nevada Library Association
- JoVon Sotak became NSLAPR Interim Administrator on January 4, 2021
- The job announcement for the NSLAPR Administrator position was posted on January 4, 2021; Assistant Administrator position is also posted with closing date of January 8.

- Virtual 2021 Summer Reading Program Workshop is Wednesday-Thursday (January 13th and 14th) 9:00-12:30 p.m. each day.
- 2021 LSTA Proposals are due January 15th, 2021.

NSLAPR Updates- JoVon Sotak, Nevada State Library Archives and Public Records

- JoVon Sotak was appointed as Interim Administrator for NSLAPR beginning January 4, 2021 and made the following announcements:
- The vacancy announcement for the position of NSLAPR Administrator was posted on January 4, 2021 https://hr.nv.gov/Sections/Recruitment/Unclassified-Non-Classified_Positions/ Please circulate the job opening among the library community as we hope to fill the position as quickly as possible.
- The Assistant Administrator position has also been posted and closes this Friday, January 8, 2021.
- JoVon's contact information: jsotak@admin.nv.gov; phone: (775) 684-3410

Statewide Updates

- COVID19: All Nevada counties, except Storey County, have signs of elevated transmission of the COVID19 virus. We are beginning to see the expected increase due to the holiday season. There is a new page dedicated to the vaccination efforts (www.NVCovidFighter.org) Please share with staff and patrons.
- 2021 LSTA Proposals are due January 15th, 2021. The link for the form is <https://nsla.nv.gov/2021LSTA/Apply> This is the first stage of the application process and things can change during the application process.
- Virtual 2021 Summer Reading Program Workshop is next week, January 13-14, 9:00-12:30 p.m. each day. We will have an SRP idea sharing forum and encourage participation. Please forward the following registration link to your Children's/Youth Services department staff - https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZltfuCsqD4pGdf36CPxPQwz_9z3WN7mFLxS
SRP Workshop LibGuide with agenda: <https://nsla.nv.gov/2021SRPWorkshop>
Form for sharing SRP ideas: <https://nsla-nv.libwizard.com/f/2021SRP>

Library News & Check-In

Las Vegas Clark County Library District (Danielle Miliam, Acting Assistant Director and Leo Seguro):

The LVCCLD has been closed since December 16, 2020 and reopened yesterday January 4th, 2021. We offer early hours for students from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. before opening to the public. We are open 7 days a week in urban areas and the Mesquite Library; rural branches have shorter schedules. We are reactivating our browsing and curbside services for patrons and have brought back our Vegas Strong Academies in 4 locations.

Washoe County Library System (Jeff Scott, Director): We have been 100 percent virtual since Veterans Day. We are planning to restore the "Grab and Go" service January 19th, 2021. Some staff members are currently assisting with contact tracing.

Douglas County Libraries (Amy Dodson, Director): Due to increasing COVID19 numbers, we stopped browsing hours in December and are strictly curbside right now. We hope to reopen soon for browsing and await word from the Governor on when it will be safe to do so. Curbside service is super busy and popular with the public.

Henderson Libraries (Joy Gunn and Marcie Smedley): We continue to offer Curbside and virtual services and have done so since June 2020. We made plans to reopen the full library but due to the rise in COVID19 cases, the plans have been put on hold. We have had more of our team members test positive so staffing issues could influence our decision on when to reopen even if given the okay. We are grateful that we have seen no spread within the library system thanks to our precautions. Staff who tested positive contracted it from people outside the system.

Pahrump Community Library (Shanna Gibbons, Susan Wonderly): We are doing well and are offering curbside one day a week with pretty much the same people using the service each week. We are open with limited services and have around 120 people a day coming in (compared to approximately 400 per day previously).

SCLL (Nancy Cummings-Schmidt): The lead agencies (Children's Advocacy Alliance for Nevada, Children's Cabinet) and collaborative team for the Pritzker grant project met on December 17th and reviewed the updated plans based upon the suggestions from the Pritzker grant review team. The plan will now go back to Pritzker for a final decision which should happen late February-early March. The COVID19 crisis has made this plan more important than ever as we will be able to hire certified early childhood/mental health community workers. In order to do this, we need to increase the number of certification opportunities available within the state and are exploring the possibility of using the SANDI grant funding to accomplish this.

SCLL (Joan Dalusung): The Council submitted the SCLL Final Report (<https://nsla.nv.gov/SCLL122220>) to the Governor and Legislature. The report gives an overall picture of Nevada libraries' activities, priorities and initiatives over the past 2 years. Thank you all for submitting content to feature in the report.

Carson City Library (Todd Colegrove): Carson City Library is currently open for Curbside Pickup only and exterior lockers for holds pickup will launch today.

Washoe County Schools District (Holly Esposito): Washoe County started school yesterday (January 4th). Elementary schools are open while middle and high schools are on distance learning until January 19th, 2021.

UNLV Law Library (Jeanne Frazier Price): The UNLV Library has been closed since mid-March and will remain closed for the indefinite future. There are no in-person classes this semester. We continue to serve faculty, students, and the public remotely using virtual reference, virtual services etc. We are providing short video instruction on how to use our digital services and research topics that might be of interest to the user. All of our Scholarly Commons content is currently up to date so all of Nevada has access to scholarly articles and archives.

Humboldt Library (Jessica Anderson): The library has finished the Winter Book Challenge using Beanstack. We had 46 signed up and half have completed the Challenge and collected their prize of a free book. This was the first time using Beanstack since Summer Learning and we are happy with the participation.

Washoe County (Jamie Hemingway): I have taken on a Marketing position with Washoe County Library System and will be working closely with Andrea Tavener.

Churchill County Library (Carol Lloyd): Posted in Chat - Nothing to add at this time. Thank you.

Pershing County Library (Kathy Brinkerhoff): Posted in Chat - I have one staff person in quarantine, so there are only 2 of us in the library. We are open to Curbside—We meet people at the door. We will let

people in to use a computer as long as they are wearing a mask. We will also let patrons in to look at new books. We have them on carts in the lobby. They must wear masks. Those who come in to look at the new books tend to be older patrons we know and who are careful with distancing and mask wearing.

UNLV Libraries (Maggie Farrell): The University facilities are closed, but the library continues to offer chat and access to our digital collections. Because we are members of Hathi Trust, we have emergency digital library access to copyrighted materials when our physical materials are unavailable. Classes begin January 19 with buildings currently scheduled to open January 11. When the library reopens, it will be restricted to UNLV and NSHE students and faculty, but there are provisions for exceptions, and arrangements can be made for the community to use Special Collections.

North Las Vegas Library (Forrest Lewis): We are continuing curbside service and continuing to work with the City to distribute CARES funding. We keep moving on 2021.

Boulder City Library (Anne Karr): We are offering curbside services and are getting much support and approval from the public. The library is closed, but we hope to reopen computer access at the middle of the month depending how things go. The Angel Tree program was operated out of the library basement this year and distributed gifts to families for Christmas.

Elko Library System (Kassie Antonucci): We are offering curbside, digital programming, and getting ready to establish outside lockers similar to Carson City Library. We distributed gifts through our annual Sugar Plum Tree program and, due to the positive response, are going to run it through February. We are also doing "Food for Fines" to help our food pantry. The community and county government are eager for the library to reopen.